



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

GOUX, Timothy Gayle

Serial No.: **10/044,581**

Filed: **October 23, 2001**

Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
IMPROVING THE OPERATION
OF A BUSINESS ENTITY AND
MONITORING AND REPORTING
THE RESULTS THEREOF**

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Group Art Unit: **3626**

Examiner: **Tomaszewski, Mike**

Atty. Docket #: **CARE1**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO RCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the *Final Official Action* from Examiner Mike Tomaszewski of Art Unit 3626, mailed June 20, 2006, the Applicant submits this *Preliminary Amendment to RCE* with a *Request for Continued Examination*. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and amendments.

As of this *Final Official Action*, pending claims 1-33 stand rejected.